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Pittsburgh Projects Prosper in President's '07 Budget

PITTSBURGH – The Fiscal Year 2006 (FY07) budget transmitted to Congress on February 6 includes \$4.733 billion in new federal funding for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The budget contains over \$140 million in construction funding, project operations and maintenance of projects in the Corps' Pittsburgh District, supporting 23 locks and dams and 16 multi-purpose reservoirs in the upper Ohio River basin areas of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, southern New York and western Maryland.

Over \$82 million construction dollars are budgeted for three Pittsburgh District projects – the Lower Monongahela River Navigation Project, Emsworth Dams and Saw Mill Run – in FY07.

The Lower Mon is proposed to receive \$62.8 million, an increase from \$50.8 million available for the project in FY06 and by far the largest amount proposed in a President's budget for the project since it began in 1992. The proposed funding will sustain work on replacement of the first of two navigation locks at Charleroi, Pennsylvania, and also cover costs associated with utility relocations and a bridge crossing over the Monongahela River downstream.

Rehabilitation of the Emsworth Dams, the first major navigation structure on the Ohio River below The Point at Pittsburgh, is slated to receive \$17 million. This is a \$2 million increase over the initial budget of \$15 million received for this dam safety assurance project in FY06 and will cover design work and construction to ensure structural integrity of the dam and operability of the dam gates.

The Administration's FY07 budget for facilities operated and maintained by Pittsburgh District is \$58.7 million, slightly less than the amount appropriated by Congress for operations and maintenance in FY06. These funds support facilities that contribute to flood damage reduction, inland waterway navigation, recreation and environmental stewardship in the upper Ohio River basin.

While the FY07 budget represents an increase of nearly \$14 million over the FY06 appropriation for the Pittsburgh District, two feasibility studies are not included in the budget for continuation. These are the Upper Ohio River Navigation System Study and the Mahoning River Environmental Dredging Study in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), said, "The Army Civil Works budget for Fiscal Year 2007 is the highest budget ever proposed for the Civil Works program. It provides critical funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to contribute to the nation's economic and environmental well being."

“The FY07 budget emphasizes three critical Corps activities. First, it funds the construction and completion of water resources projects that will provide a high return on the nation’s investment in the Corps’ primary mission areas of commercial navigation, flood and storm damage reduction, and aquatic ecosystem restoration.

“Second, it increases funding for the Corps’ regulatory program to help protect and preserve the nation’s precious waters and wetlands.

“Third, it reflects the Administration’s proactive support for the Corps’ critical emergency preparedness and response mission by funding the mission in the regular budget process, and not through emergency transfers or supplemental funding,” Woodley continued.

The Army Civil Works program contributes to the development and restoration of the nation’s water and related resources; operation and maintenance of existing federally-owned water resources projects; protection of the nation’s waters and wetlands; and restoration of sites contaminated as a result of the nation’s early atomic weapons development program.

The mission of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the world’s preeminent public engineering agency, is to provide quality, responsive engineering services to the Nation and its armed forces. The Corps plans, designs, builds and operates water resources projects; designs and manages military facilities construction for the Army and Air Force at home and abroad; provides design and construction management support for other Defense and federal agencies; cleans hazardous areas across the Nation through the Formerly Used Defense Sites program and the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program; and conducts state of the art engineering research and design at its Engineer Research and Development Center.

The FY07 Army Civil Works budget information, including a state-by-state breakdown, is available at www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwb/budget/budget.pdf.